

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE  
FORM C**

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Latin American Studies

Division

Program

Branch

**Proposed effective term:**

Semester

Fall ▼

Year

2011 ▼

**Course Information**

Select Appropriate Program

Undergraduate Degree Program ▼

CIP Code

Name of New or Existing Program

\* BA Latin American Studies

Catalog Page Number

Select Category

Major ▼

Degree Type

Select Action

Revision ▼

**Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog.**  
See current catalog for format within the respective college (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)  

See attached.

  
[LTAM302&303 Exact title and requirements MAJOR-1.pdf](#)

☐ **This Change affects other departmental program/branch campuses**

**Reason(s) for Request** \* (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)  

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[Revised Justification.doc](#)

Statements to address budgetary and Faculty Load Implications and Long-range planning

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LAS faculty see the strong need for a specific core-course requirement in which students develop a shared corpus of knowledge on Latin America. In 2007 the external review team in the LAS APR strongly endorsed the LAS faculty's plans to develop an interdisciplinary introductory course in LAS. The LAS action plan following the recent APR includes the following objective: "LTAM 400 (Parts I&II): establish rotation; guarantee funding for Part II course buyout; approve as major requirement."

The LAII used part of a US Department of Education grant to develop two such courses, one in the Social Sciences and one in the Humanities. The two courses were taught as LTAM 400: Introduction to Latin American Society I and II. The Humanities section (to become LTAM 303 as proposed herein) was developed and taught by Prof. Schadl in F09 and currently, in F10, with average enrollments of 10. The Social Sciences section (to become LTAM 302 as proposed herein) was developed by Prof. Schrank and taught in S08, S09, S10, with average LAS enrollments of 8 students, and average total enrollments of 16. ICLAS, the governing faculty body of the academic program has voted to require that LAS majors and minors complete one of these two courses.

The course requirement would not add to the total number of courses required for LAS majors/minors, rather it would require that one of the current concentration (core) or elective slots be filled with this course. Schrank will offer LTAM 302 on a yearly basis, and Schadl will offer 303 on alternating years. We will thus provide an average of 17 slots per year for students registered under the LTAM rubric. With 40-45 current LAS majors / minors, we anticipate a yearly demand for about 20 slots between the two courses; thus sufficient enrollment is guaranteed.

**Proposed Revision to Latin American Studies  
Major  
Exact Title & Requirements**

The proposed change requires majors in Latin American Studies to take one of the following courses (see Forms B also in process):

LTAM 302. Introduction to Latin American Society I: Social Sciences (3)

LTAM 303. Introduction to Latin American Society II: Humanities (3)

The corrections below are based on current text in 2010 – 2011 catalog.

Page 242: right column—(after left-column subheading “Undergraduate Major Study Requirements”)

- D. [Core interdisciplinary requirement: Students will take a core interdisciplinary course, selecting from either LTAM 302 or LTAM 303. This requirement may count toward either the 15 hours of Core Courses or the 9 hours of Electives. Students are encouraged to take the interdisciplinary course that best supports their chosen core.]
- E. Of the courses completed for the Latin American Studies major, at least 18 hours must be at the 300 level or higher.
- F. Courses for the core and elective requirements must be from at least three different disciplines.
- G. At least half of the required credit hours for the major must be taken in residence on the main campus at UNM. The ~~Associate~~ [Associate] Director may approve substitutions on a case-by-case basis.

Note: subsequent sections will be E, F, and G, rather than the original D, E, and F.

**Approved Electives**

AFST 386, 388; ANTH 324, 332, 333, 339, 343, 344, 345, 366, 371, 376, 384, 387; ARTH 343, 411, 412, 450, 488, 489, 490, 493, 494; BIOL 461L; ECON 321, 421, 423, 424, 429; HIST 181, 182, 300, 363, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 389, 390, 463, 464, 465, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476; LING 401 (Quichua or Quiche Maya), 402 (Quichua or Quiche Maya); LTAM [302, 303,] 400; MA 310, 410; PHIL 388, 389, 390; POLS 321, 322, 345, 346, 355, 356, 441, 442, 455; PORT 275, 276, 311, 312, 335, 414, 415, 416, 417, 421, 457, 458, 461; RELG 387, 388, 389, 390, 422; SOC 221, 350, 390, 420, 422, 450, 461, 484; SPAN 301, 302, 307, 350, 351, 352, 430, 431, 432, 433, 435, 438, 439; WMST 331, 418, 472. Other courses of Latin American content (such as topics courses) may be approved as electives upon petition to the Associate Director.